Production of Soya-bean

4176. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the target for production of soya-bean for 1987-88;

(b) what are the steps taken to reach higher production; and

(c) what are the steps taken to rehabilitate the sick soyabean processing uuits which are on the verge of closure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) The tentative production target of Soyabean during the year 1987-88 is 13.57 lakh tonnes.

(b) A centraly Sponsored National Oilseeds Development Project is in operation in important Soyabean growing states for increasing the production of soyabean. The project provides financial assistance for various critical inputs in order to induce the farmers to take up soyabean cultivation on a large scale.

In addition, an Oilseeds Production Thrust Project with 100 % Central assistance has been sanctioned for implementation in kharif 1987 for increasing the production of Oilseeds including soyabean in important oilseeds growing States.

(c) No such report on closure of soyabean processing units has been received. Efforts are being made to increase the soyabean production to the maximum extent possible.

Reclamation of ravines in Madhya Pradesh

4177. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that large areas occupied by the ravines in the northern districts of Madhya Pradesh can be reclaimed and made cultivable;

(b) if so, what is the progress of the work relating to the reclamation of these ravines; and

(c) what is the amount sanctioned for various projects for the aforesaid purpose during the current Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) For the Seventh Five Year Plan under the "Central Assistance to State Plan" a scheme for Reclamation and Stabilisation of Ravinious Areas in the problem States including Madhya Pradesh, has been approved. However, it has been decided that funds would be provided on year to year basis. For 1987-88, an amount of Rs. 4.52 crores is being provided by the Central Government to the State of Madhya Pradesh for treating about 10,800 hectares of land. In addition, the State Government of Madhya Pradesh have also been making efforts in this direction and they have so far treated about 7,200 hectares under their State Sector programme.

House for landless rural labourers

4178. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount allocated and spent on the implementation of the scheme of houses for the landless rural labourers in Madhya Pradesh during 1985-86, 1986-87 and the current year;

(b) how many families have been benefited under this scheme; and

(c) whether Government propose to augment allocation for this project in view of the lack of housing facilities for thousands of poor landless labourers in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) The amount allocated and spent on the imple-